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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A racket, comprising:

a frame having a rim and a connection portion at an end of the rim;

a handle fixed at a distal end of the connection portion;

an elastic member attached on wrapped around a predetermined portion of the frame, and

a cover layer wrapped around the <u>portion of the</u> frame and the elastic member; wherein the vibration wave transmission velocities of the frame, the elastic member and the cover layer are different from one another.

- 2. (Original) the racket as defined in claim 1, wherein the elastic member is made into a tube.
- 3. (Original) The racket as defined in claim 1, wherein the elastic member is made into a piece.
 - 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Original) The racket as defined in claim 1, wherein the cover layer has an interlayer between the elastic member and the frame.
 - 6. (Original) The racket as defined in claim 1, wherein the connection portion

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has two arms and a shaft, wherein the arms respectively have one end coupled with the rim, and the other ends of the arms are merged together and coupled with an end of the shaft, and the other end of the shaft is coupled with the handle.

- 7. (Original) The racket as defined in claim 1, wherein the elastic member is mounted on the rim.
- 8. (Original) The racket as defined in claim 6, wherein the elastic member is mounted on the rim and located between the arms.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The racket as defined in claim 6, wherein the elastic member is mounted on <u>one of</u> the [[arm]] <u>arms</u>.
- 10. (Original) The racket as defined in claim 6, wherein the elastic member is mounted on the shaft.
 - 11 13. (Canceled)
 - 14. (New) A racket, comprising:
 - a frame having a rim and a connection portion at an end of the rim;
 - a handle fixed at a distal end of the connection portion;
 - an elastic member attached on a predetermined portion of the frame;
 - a cover layer wrapped around the frame and the elastic member; and
 - a pad arranged between the elastic member and the cover layer;

wherein the vibration wave transmission velocities of the pad, the frame, the elastic member and the cover layer are different from one another.